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1. THE FOLLOWING DRAFT JOINT COMMUNIQUE HAS NOT
RPT NOT BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE GOV. IT REPRESENTS
NOT A FINISHED TEXT, BUT RATHER A CHECK LIST OF ITEMS
THE EMBASSY BELIEVES SHOULD BE INCLUDED, BEARING IN
MIND THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS IN A BETTER POSITION TO
JUDGE WHAT WE CAN SAY ABOUT SOME OF THE ISSUES
MENTIONED IN THE DRAFT.

2. BEGIN TEXT. THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA, JIMMY CARTER, AND MRS. CARTER VISITED
CARACAS NOVEMBER 22-23, 1977 IN RESPONSE TO AN INVITATION
EXTENDED BY PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ AND
MR. PEREZ. THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. CARTER WERE ACCOMPANIED BY-----

3. ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA THE
FOLLOWING OFFICIALS PARTICIPATED IN THE DISCUSSIONS -----
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RM THE PRESIDENTS OF VENEZUELA AND THE UNITED STATES AND THEIR
RESPECTIVE PARTIES HAVE REAFFIRMED THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE PRESERV-
ATION AND THE STRENGTHENING OF DEMOCRACY AND THE IMPORTANCE OF
PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHICH IS THE BASIS ON
WHICH DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS ARE CONSTITUTED AND FLOURISH.

5. THEY REEMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS TO ALL SOCIETIES AND THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES. THEY EXPRESSED THEIR HOPE THAT THE AMERICAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS WILL SOON BE RATIFIED AND ENTER INTO FORCE. THEY REAFFIRMED THAT THE ROLE AND WORK OF THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IS ESSENTIAL TO PROMOTING AN EFFECTIVE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. THEY EMPHASIZED THEIR GOVERNMENTS' INTEREST IN INCREASING BOTH THE AUTONOMY AND RESOURCES OF THAT COMMISSION. THEY ALSO DISCUSSED OTHER WAYS IN WHICH THE PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE PROTECTION AND RESETTLEMENT OF POLITICAL REFUGEES MAY BE EXPANDED.

6. THE PRESIDENTS REFERRED TO THE HISTORIC IMPORTANCE OF THE SIGNING OF THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES, RECOGNIZED THE SIGNIFICANCE FOR BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND LATIN AMERICAN OF THESE TREATIES IN ASSURING THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF BOTH THE PEOPLES OF PANAMA AND THE UNITED STATES, AND EXPRESSED THEIR CONFIDENCE THAT THE TREATIES WILL SOON BE RATIFIED BY THE APPROPRIATE CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES OF PANAMA AND THE UNITED STATES.

7. THE TWO PRESIDENTS HELD A WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSION ON MATTERS RELATING TO UNCLEAR WEAPONS DISSEMINATION, DISARMAMENT, AND REDUCTION IN CONCENTION ARMS TRANSFERS. NOTING THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL ARMS RACE, AND RECOGNIZING THAT THE SECURITY OF THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY CANNOT CONTINUE ON A BASIS OF BALANCE OF TERROR, PRESIDENT CARTER AND PRESIDENT PEREZ LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REAFFIRMED THEIR DESIRE TO WORK FOR THE LIMITATION AND FUTURE REDUCTION OF NUCLEAR ARMS, AND FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GREATER SAFEGUARDS IN THE TECHNOLOGICAL APPLICATION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. THEY PLACED SPECIAL IMPORTANCE ON THE ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE TREATY OF TLATELOLCO, THROUGHOUT LATIN AMERICA AND ONCE AGAIN URGED THOSE STATES WITHIN AND WITHOUT THE LATIN AMERICAN REGION TO UNDERTAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO FULLY IMPLEMENT THIS IMPORTANT TREATY WHICH ESTABLISHES A NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE ZONE IN LATIN AMERICA. THEY DISCUSSED THE NEED TO INCREASE EFFORTS TO REDUCE CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS AND EFFORTS TO REACH GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMANENT. URTHER, THEY AGREED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF VARIOUS REGIONAL ARMS CONTROL INITIATIVES, INCLUDING THE DECLARATION OF AYACUCHO OF 1974.

8. THEY CONFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUING COOPERATION IN THE ENERGY FIELD, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF ENERGY. THEY EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT RANKING ENERGY OFFICIALS OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS WILL CONTINUE DIRECT CONSULTATIONS ON ENERGY MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO THE TWO NATIONS. THEY ALSO NOTED WITH PARTICULAR SATISFACTION THE RESULTS OF THE ORGANIZING CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THIS EVALUATION WILL SUCCEED IN HELPING ALL COUNTRIES

MEET THEIR PEACEFUL ENERGY NEEDS AND, AT THE SAME TIME, REDUCE THE DANGER OF THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

9. THE TWO PRESIDENTS REAFFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NECESSITY FOR FURTHER CONSULTATION WITHIN THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, BOTH WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS CONTEXT AND IN OTHER APPROPRIATE FORA.

10. THEY REAFFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WORK OF THE UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. PRESIDENT CARTER

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EXPLAINED THE RECENT DECISION OF THE US REGARDING ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE ORGANIZATION COULD RESOLVE CURRENT STRUCTURAL AND PROCEDURAL PROBLEMS WHICH WOULD THUS ALLOW CONCENTRATION OF THE ILO'S EFFORTS ON PROBLEMS OF CENTRAL CONCERN, THE WELFARE OF WORKING PEOPLE IN THE WORLD. BOTH PRESIDENTS REAFFIRMED THEIR COMMITMENT TO ILO PRINCIPLES OF FREE ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS AND THEIR RIGHT TO COLLECTIVELY BARGAIN TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT FREE FROM OUTSIDE DURESS.

11. THEY DREW ATTENTION TO THE NECESSITY FOR ALL STATES TO COOPERATE IN THE ON-GOING LAW OF THE SEA NEGOTIATIONS SO THAT THE MANY VITAL MARITIME MATTERS UNDER NEGOTIATION BE SOLVED TO REFLECT THE INTERESTS OF ALL STATES AND OF HUMANKIND AS A WHOLE.

12. THEY UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE OF COMBATting INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM WHICH ENDANGERS INNOCENT LIVES AND INTERNATIONAL PEACE. THEY REITERATED THE INTENTIONS OF THEIR GOVTS TO COOPERATE IN

BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL FORA TO REDUCE THE THREAT
OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.

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13. THE TWO PRESIDENTS ALSO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE
OF LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION TO THE PEACE,
PROSPERITY AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF
THE HEMISPHERE. THEY LAUDED THE EFFORTS OF THE
ANDEAN COMMON MARKET, THE LATIN AMERICAN FREE TRADE
ASSOCIATION AND THE LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM
TO BRING INTO BEING COMMON INSTITUTIONS AND MECHANISMS
WHICH SERVE MUTUALLY TO BENEFIT THE MEMBERS OF THESE
ORGANIZATIONS.

14. THEY CONDEMNED THE PRACTICE OF ILLEGAL INTER-
NATIONAL PAYMENTS WHICH SERVE TO DEMEAN BOTH THOSE
WHO PERPETRATE SUCH ACTS AND THOSE WHO RECEIVE SUCH
ILLICIT FUNDS. THEY CALLED ON ALL STATES TO SUPPORT
THE ECOSOC-SPONSORED CONVENTION OF ILLICIT PAYMENTS.
THEY ALSO DISCUSSED THE NECESSITY FOR THE CREATION
OF AN EQUITABLE AND EFFECTIVE CODE OF INTERNATIONAL
CONDUCT FOR TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS WHICH WOULD
ESTABLISH THE BASIS FOR THE TRANSNATIONAL CORPORA-
TIONS TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SKILLS, CAPITAL AND
TECHNOLOGY TO RECIPIENT STATES WHILE ALSO ASSURING
THAT SUCH CORPORATIONS MEET ACCEPTED NORMS OF INTER-
NATIONAL LAW AND PRACTICE WITHIN RECIPIENT STATES.

15. THE TWO PRESIDENTS DISCUSSED THE EVOLVING
SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND CONDEMNED APARTHEID
AS A BASIC DENIAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS, OBSERVING THAT
HUMAN RIGHTS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE POLITICAL
VALUES OF DEMOCRATIC SOCIETIES.

16. THE TWO PRESIDENTS ALSO EXPRESSED THEIR FULL
SUPPORT FOR THE CREATION OF AN INDEPENDENT RHODESIA
UNDER THE FORMULA PRESENTED BY THE GOVT OF THE
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UNITED KINGDOM IN COOPERATION WITH THE UN.
FURTHER, THEY ALSO AGREED THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR
THE PEACE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA THAT NAMIBIA GAIN ITS
INDEPENDENCE WITHIN A PROCESS WHICH FULLY GUARANTEES
THE RIGHTS AND LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS OF THE NAMIBIAN
PEOPLES.

17. PRESIDENT CARTER AND PRESIDENT PEREZ ALSO DISCUSSED THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING EFFORTS TO REACH A MIDDLE EAST PEACE SETTLEMENT. THEY AGREED TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT EFFORTS FOR A JUST AND PERMANENT MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT BASED ON SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338, AND THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

18. THE TWO PRESIDENTS ALSO MADE KNOWN THEIR DECISION TO CONTINUE TO WORK COOPERATIVELY, IN THE FURTHERENCE OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE CARIBBEAN BASIN. THEY LAUDED THE EFFORTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INDIVIDUAL STATES IN THE SPHERE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, AND EMPHASIZED THAT BOTH THEIR GOVTS ARE COMMITTED TO FINDING EFFECTIVE MEANS TO ASSIST CARIBBEAN STATES TO ACHIEVE GREATER ECONOMIC VIABILITY.

19. PRESIDENT PEREZ AND PRESIDENT CARTER NOTED THAT THIS STATE VISIT CONSTITUTED THE THIRD MEETING BETWEEN THEM IN RECENT MONTHS AND THEREBY SIGNIFIES THEIR INTENTION TO CONSULT FREQUENTLY AND DIRECTLY AS NECESSARY, AS WELL AS THRU THEIR RESPECTIVE AMBASSADORS AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES, ON MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO THEIR TWO NATIONS. THEY ALSO STRESSED THAT THEIR CONSULTATIONS SERVE TO EXEMPLIFY THE SHARED GOALS AND VALUES OF THE REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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20. PRESIDENT CARTER AND MRS CARTER EXPRESSED TO PRESIDENT PEREZ AND MRS PEREZ THEIR PROFOUND APPRECIATION FOR THE CORDIALITY AND HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO THEM AND THEIR STAFF BY THE GOVT AND PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA. PRESIDENT CARTER ALSO EXPRESSED TO PRESIDENT PEREZ HIS GREAT PERSONAL SATISFACTION WITH THE RESULTS OF HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ. END TEXT.
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